

# **HONORING THE LIFE OF**

**Rev. Godfrey "Bird" Ferguson Kaufman**



**July 5, 1948 - March 21, 2023**

The Rev. Godfrey “Bird” Ferguson Kaufman was born on July 5, 1948, in Louisville, Kentucky to Garland Washington Kaufman and Elizabeth Ferguson Kaufman. He entered into eternal rest on March 21, 2023, at Baptist Health Hospital. He graduated from Fern Creek High School in 1967. During his high school years, he had a drawing submitted to the J. B. Speed Museum at the University of Louisville. As a young man, he did construction work where he learned how to build houses from the ground up. He worked in Jefferson County Public Schools as Police Security. Then, he went into the Kentucky State Police Academy where he was the only minority in his class. He graduated and became a Kentucky State Police under highway enforcement. He transferred from Kentucky State Police to the State Highway Engineering Department where he helped build the southern stretch of I-65 down by Muldrow Hill as an engineer. He also was bestowed the honor of being a Kentucky Colonel.

He loved to work with his hands from woodworking, construction tasks, and mechanic work. He would love to help people with a host of small construction projects and problems. Rev. Kaufman was the interim pastor of Fairfield Second Baptist Church and was the former pastor of 1st Baptist Church Bardstown in Bardstown, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Kaufman and a host of children and grandchildren: Two sons Rev. Dr. M. L. Kaufman (wife Dr. Deanna Wathington-Kaufman) & Brian James Harwell (Iishia Godwin significant other; Grand Children: Jewel, Demetrius, Brian Jr., and Micah Harwell), One Daughter: Daphne Humphrey. He has two stepchildren Angela Fogle (Grandchildren: Justice, Jada, Nehemiah, and Jeremiah Fogle) & Corey Fogle

He is one of seven siblings listed here by order of birth: Rev. Dr. Leonardo “Scoopy” DeVincent Kaufman Sr. (Deceased; Survived by Spouse Joyce Kaufman), Garlanda Wasina Kaufman, Hartford “Man” Bellamy Kaufman Sr., Dr. Marcia “Porky” Jean Kaufman (Deceased), Rev. Gerald Ray Kaufman (Wife Evelyn Kaufman), Rev. Rodney “Teeny” Chaddi Kaufman Sr. (Wife Marguerite Kaufman) and 24 nieces and nephews along with a host of grand nieces and nephews.

**Memorial Service**  
**Rev. Godfrey Ferguson Kaufman**  
**March 25, 2023, at 1 p.m.**

**Order of Worship**  
Officiate: Rev. Harriet McElvaney  
Pastor, Campbell Chapel AME Zion

Prelude.....

Selection ..... “Soon and Very Soon” .....

Invocation ..... Rev. Rev. McElvaney

Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Junior Ford

New Testament.....Rev. Linda Gazaway

Prayer for Family..... Rev. Butch Lightsey

Selection..... “God Will Take Care of You” .....  
LeAndria Johnson

Acknowledgments.....Daphne Humphrey

Reflections     *(Please keep comments to 2 minutes!)*

5 Designees

Rev. David Walker (Son in Ministry)

Rev. Butch Lightsey

Ronnie Ford

Rev. Junior Ford

Rev. Gerald Kaufman (Behalf of Family)

Selection..... “Order My Steps”.....  
GMWA Mass Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. M. L. Kaufman

Committal ..... Rev. McElvaney



*We shall always remember with deep  
gratitude your comforting  
expressions of sympathy extended to  
us during our bereavement.  
May God bless you all in a special  
way.*

*We would like to give special thanks to all of those who  
visited Bird while in the hospital. These are just a few:*

*Reverend Mac*

*Al Fowler*

*Emma and Tara Blincoe (Cousins)*

*Gordon Cole*

*Ron Bradley*

*Rev. Butch Lightsy*

*The Ford Brothers*

*Petway Family*

*And Others*

